



## Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Councilmember Jimenez

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST TO TRAVEL

**DATE:** October 26, 2022

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**Recommendation:** Approve travel and related travel expenses for Councilmember Sergio Jimenez to attend the Sister Cities International African Regional Summit on February 20-24, 2023 in Cape Town, South Africa

**Location:** Cape Town, South Africa

**Meeting Dates:** February 20-24, 2023

**Source of Funds:** District 2 Funds

**Purpose:** Attend the Sister Cities International (SCI) first African Regional Summit from February 20-24, 2023, in Cape Town, South Africa. The first of its kind summit will strengthen and increase the number of US-Africa sister cities within the SCI network. The Summit will provide a week-long series of engagements and activities that will support best practice learning, training on becoming sister cities, networking, developing business opportunities, and creating tourism opportunities for the City of Cape Town, the Western Cape, and the rest of South Africa. Additionally, the summit will include multiple cultural exchange opportunities such as tours of culturally significant sites, museums, and cultural performances. Councilmember Jimenez serves on the Sister Cities International Board as the representative for the City of San Jose. The sister city network unites tens of thousands of citizen diplomats and volunteers who work tirelessly to promote the organizations' mission of creating world peace.